

## **ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1205**

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Citations Affected: IC 30-4; IC 34-30.

**Synopsis:** Uniform trust decanting act and trustee duties. Allows a trustee of an irrevocable trust to appoint a successor trustee or multiple trustees. Provides that a trustee's power to appoint a successor trustee includes the power to allocate trustee powers to one or more trustees. Enacts the uniform trust decanting act. Creates a definition of the decanting power to include a power by a trustee to make limited modifications to an irrevocable trust, including an asset transfer to a new trust. Requires that a modification be consistent with a settlor's or charitable organization's intent. Permits the trustee of an existing trust to make modifications to or distributions from an existing trust to make modifications to or distributions from an existing trust for the benefit of a disabled beneficiary. Prohibits a trustee from being required to decant. Requires advanced notice to all qualified beneficiaries. Provides that the decanting power of an authorized fiduciary is not precluded by certain terms. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Probate Code Commission.)

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January 6, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary. January 13, 2022, reported — Do Pass. January 18, 2022, read second time, ordered engrossed. January 19, 2022, engrossed. January 20, 2022, read third time, passed. Yeas 84, nays 0.

SENATE ACTION
February 1, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
February 10, 2022, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.



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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning trusts and fiduciaries.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1	SECTION 1. IC 30-4-3-29.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2	AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3	1, 2022]: Sec. 29.3. (a) The power to appoint a successor trustee
4	under a governing instrument or under section 33 of this chapter
5	includes:
6	(1) the power to appoint multiple successor trustees; and
7	(2) the power to allocate trustee powers to one (1) or more
8	trustees.
9	(b) A trustee to whom powers:
10	(1) have been exclusively allocated under subsection (a) must
l 1	be a fiduciary only with respect to the powers allocated; and
12	(2) have not been allocated under subsection (a) is not liable
13	for the actions of a trustee to whom the powers, duties, and
14	responsibilities are allocated.
15	(c) The rules governing the rights, powers, duties, and liabilities
16	of a governing instrument under this chapter apply to a trustee
17	appointed under this section unless expressly limited by the terms



of a governing instrument.

SECTION 2. IC 30-4-3-36 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]. Sec. 36. (a) Unless a trust expressly provides otherwise, a trustee who has discretion under the terms of a trust (referred to in this section as the "first trust") to invade the principal of the trust to make distributions to or for the benefit of one (1) or more persons may instead exercise the power by appointing all or part of the principal of the first trust in favor of a trustee of another trust (referred to in this section as the "second trust") for the benefit of one (1) or more persons under the same trust instrument or under a different trust instrument as long as:

- (1) the beneficiaries of the second trust are the same as the beneficiaries of the first trust;
- (2) the second trust does not reduce any income, annuity, or unitrust interest in the assets of the first trust; and
- (3) if any contributions to the first trust qualified for a marital or charitable deduction for purposes of the federal income, gift, or estate taxes, the second trust does not contain any provision that, if included in the first trust, would have prevented the first trust from qualifying for a deduction or reduced the amount of a deduction.
- (b) The exercise of a power to invade principal under subsection (a) must be by an instrument that is:
  - (1) in writing;
  - (2) signed and acknowledged by the trustee; and
  - (3) filed with the records of the first trust.
- (e) The exercise of a power to invade principal under subsection (a) is considered the exercise of a power of appointment, other than a power to appoint to the trustee, the trustee's creditors, the trustee's estate, or the creditors of the trustee's estate. The exercise of the power does not extend the time at which the permissible period of the rule against perpetuities begins and the law that determines the permissible period of the rule against perpetuities of the first trust.
- (d) The trustee shall notify in writing all qualified beneficiaries of the first trust at least sixty (60) days before the effective date of the trustee's exercise of the power to invade principal under subsection (a) of the manner in which the trustee intends to exercise the power. A copy of the proposed instrument exercising the power satisfies the trustee's notice obligation under this subsection. If all qualified beneficiaries waive the notice period by signed written instrument delivered to the trustee, the trustee's power to invade principal may be exercised immediately. The trustee's notice under this subsection does



1	not limit the right of any beneficiary to object to the exercise of the
2	trustee's power to invade principal, except as otherwise provided by
3	this article.
4	(e) The exercise of the power to invade principal under subsection
5	(a) is not prohibited by a spendthrift clause or by a provision in the
6	trust instrument that prohibits amending or revoking the trust.
7	(f) This section is not intended to create or imply a duty to exercise
8	a power to invade principal. No inference of impropriety may be made
9	as a result of a trustee not exercising the power to invade principal
10	conferred under subsection (a).
l 1	(g) This section may not be construed to abridge the right of any
12	trustee who has a power of invasion to appoint property in further trus
13	that arises under the terms of the first trust, under any other provision
14	of this article or any other statute, or under common law.
15	SECTION 3. IC 30-4-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
16	A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
17	1, 2022]:
18	Chapter 10. Uniform Trust Decanting Act
19	Sec. 1. (a) This chapter applies to a trust created before, on, or
20	after July 1, 2022, that:
21	(1) has its principal place of administration in this state
22	including a trust whose principal place of administration has
23	been changed to this state; or
24	(2) provides by its trust instrument that it is governed by the
25	law of this state or is governed by the law of this state for the
26	purpose of:
27	(A) administration, including administration of a trust
28	whose governing law for purposes of administration has
29	been changed to the law of this state;
30	(B) construction of terms of the trust; or
31	(C) determining the meaning or effect of terms of the trust
32	(b) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d), this chapter
33	applies to an express trust that is irrevocable or revocable by the
34	settlor only with the consent of the trustee or a person holding ar
35	adverse interest.
36	(c) This chapter does not:
37	(1) apply to a trust held solely for charitable purposes;
38	(2) limit the power of a trustee, powerholder, or other person
39	to distribute or appoint property in further trust;
10	(3) limit the power to modify a trust under the trust
<b>1</b> 1	instrument, law of this state other than this chapter, common
12	law a court order or a nonjudicial settlement agreement: or



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1	(4) affect the ability of a settlor to provide in a trus
2	instrument for the distribution of the trust property of
3	appointment in further trust of the trust property or fo
4	modification of the trust instrument. Such provisions in the
5	trust instrument shall control over any applicable provision
6	of this chapter.
7	(d) Subject to section 45 of this chapter, a trust instrument may
8	restrict or prohibit exercise of the decanting power.
9	Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "appointive property" means the
10	property or property interest subject to a power of appointment
11	Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "ascertainable standard" means
12	a standard relating to an individual's health, education, support, or
13	maintenance as defined by 26 U.S.C. 2041(b)(1)(A) or 26 U.S.C
14	2514(c)(1) and applicable regulations.
15	Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "authorized fiduciary" means:
16	(1) a trustee, trust director, or other fiduciary, other than
17	settlor, that has discretion to distribute or direct a trustee to
18	distribute part or all of the principal of the first trust to one
19	(1) or more current beneficiaries;
20	(2) a special fiduciary appointed under section 39 of this
21	chapter; or
22	(3) a special-needs fiduciary under section 43 of this chapter
23	Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "beneficiary" means a person
24	that:
25	(1) has a present or future, vested or contingent, beneficia
26	interest in a trust;
27	(2) holds a power of appointment over trust property; or
28	(3) is an identified charitable organization that may receive
29	distributions under the terms of the trust.
30	Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "beneficiary with disability"
31	means a beneficiary who is determined, in the exercise of an
32	authorized fiduciary's discretion, to have one (1) of the following
33	conditions:
34	(1) Dementia, memory loss, Parkinson's disease, or other
35	progressive condition that, currently or in the future, may
36	impair the ability of the beneficiary to provide self care of
37	manage the beneficiary's assets.
38	(2) A physical or mental condition or infirmity due to age
39	cognitive impairment, addiction, or disease that impairs the
40	beneficiary's ability to provide self care or manage the
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(3) The susceptibility of the beneficiary, at any age, to



financial exploitation, as defined in IC 23-19-4.1
IC 30-5-5-6.5, or FINRA Rule 2165 approved by the United
States Securities and Exchange Commission.
(4) A condition requiring essential medical treatment or
prescription medication that the beneficiary cannot
reasonably provide for from the beneficiary's resources
outside the trust assets.
(5) A condition related directly or indirectly to the disability
of a beneficiary described in subdivisions (1) through (4) with
respect to which the settlor of the trust has expressed the
settlor's intent.
Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "charitable interest" means ar
interest in a trust that:
(1) is held by an identified charitable organization and makes
the organization a qualified beneficiary;
(2) benefits only a charitable organization and, if the interest
were held by an identified charitable organization, would
make the organization a qualified beneficiary; or
(3) is held solely for a charitable purpose and, if the interest
were held by an identified charitable organization, would
make the organization a qualified beneficiary.
Sec. 8. As used in this chapter, "charitable organization" means
(1) a person, other than an individual, organized and operated
exclusively for a charitable purpose; or
(2) a government or governmental subdivision, agency, or
instrumentality to the extent it holds funds exclusively for a
charitable purpose.
Sec. 9. As used in this chapter, "charitable purpose" means the
relief of poverty, the advancement of education or religion, the
promotion of health, a municipal or other governmental purpose
or a purpose that is beneficial to the community.
Sec. 10. As used in this chapter, "court" has the meaning set
forth in IC 30-4-1-2(6).
Sec. 11. As used in this chapter, "current beneficiary" means a
beneficiary who, on the date that the beneficiary's qualification is
determined, is a distributee or permissible distributee of trust
income or principal. The term includes the holder of a presently
exercisable general power of appointment but does not include a
person that is a beneficiary only because the person holds any
other power of appointment.

Sec. 12. As used in this chapter, "decanting power" means the

power of an authorized fiduciary under this chapter to:



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1	(1) distribute property of a first trust to one (1) or more
2	second trusts; or
3	(2) to modify the terms of the first trust.
4	Sec. 13. As used in this chapter, "designated representative" has
5	the meaning set forth in IC 30-4-1-2(8).
6	Sec. 14. As used in this chapter, "expanded distributive
7	discretion" means a discretionary power of distribution that is not
8	limited to an ascertainable standard or a reasonably definite
9	standard.
10	Sec. 15. As used in this chapter, "first trust" means a trust over
11	which an authorized fiduciary may exercise the decanting power.
12	Sec. 16. As used in this chapter, "first-trust instrument" means
13	the trust instrument for a first trust.
14	Sec. 17. As used in this chapter, "general power of
15	appointment" means a power of appointment exercisable in favor
16	of:
17	(1) a powerholder;
18	(2) a powerholder's estate;
19	(3) a creditor of the powerholder; or
20	(4) a creditor of the powerholder's estate.
21	Sec. 18. As used in this chapter, "jurisdiction" means a
22	geographic area, including a state or country.
23	Sec. 19. As used in this chapter, "person" means:
24	(1) an individual;
25	(2) a corporation;
26	(3) a business trust;
27	(4) an estate;
28	(5) a trust;
29	(6) a partnership;
30	(7) a limited liability company;
31	(8) an association;
32	(9) a joint venture;
33	(10) a government;
34	(11) a governmental subdivision;
35	(12) an agency or instrumentality;
36	(13) a public corporation; or
37	(14) any other legal or commercial entity.
38	Sec. 20. As used in this chapter, "power of appointment" means
39	a power that enables a powerholder acting in a nonfiduciary
40	capacity to designate a recipient of an ownership interest in or
41	another power of appointment over the appointive property. The
42	term does not include a power of attorney.



1	Sec. 21. As used in this chapter, "powerholder" means a person
2	in which a donor creates a power of appointment.
3	Sec. 22. (a) As used in this chapter, "presently exercisable power
4	of appointment" means a power of appointment exercisable by the
5	powerholder at the relevant time.
6	(b) The term includes a power of appointment exercisable only
7	after the occurrence of a specified event, the satisfaction of ar
8	ascertainable standard, or the passage of a specified time.
9	(c) The term does not include a power exercisable only at the
10	powerholder's death.
l 1	Sec. 23. As used in this chapter, "qualified beneficiary" has the
12	meaning set forth in IC 30-4-1-2(19).
13	Sec. 24. As used in this chapter, "reasonably definite standard"
14	means a clearly measurable standard under which a holder of a
15	power of distribution is legally accountable within the meaning of
16	26 U.S.C. 674(b)(5)(A) and applicable regulations.
17	Sec. 25. As used in this chapter, "record" means information
18	that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in ar
19	electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form
20	Sec. 26. As used in this chapter, "second trust" means:
21	(1) a first trust after modification under this chapter; or
22	(2) a trust to which a distribution of property from a first
23	trust is or may be made under this chapter.
24	Sec. 27. As used in this chapter, "second-trust instrument"
25	means the trust instrument for a second trust.
26	Sec. 28. (a) As used in this chapter, except as provided in section
27	55 of this chapter, "settlor" has the meaning set forth in
28	IC 30-4-1-2(21).
29	(b) If more than one (1) person creates or contributes property
30	to a trust, each person is a settlor of the portion of the trust
31	property attributable to the person's contribution except to the
32	extent another person has power to revoke or withdraw that
33	portion.
34	Sec. 29. As used in this chapter, "sign" means with present
35	intent to authenticate or adopt a record to:
36	(1) execute or adopt a tangible symbol; or
37	(2) attach to or logically associate with the record of an
38	electronic symbol, sound, or process.
39	Sec. 30. As used in this chapter, "state" means:
10	(1) a state of the United States;
11	(2) the District of Columbia;
12	(3) Puerto Rico;



1	(4) the United States Virgin Islands; or
2	(5) a territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction
3	of the United States.
4	Sec. 31. As used in this chapter, "terms of the trust" has the
5	meaning set forth in IC 30-4-1-2(22).
6	Sec. 32. As used in this chapter, "trust instrument" has the
7	meaning set forth in IC 30-4-1-2(25). The term includes a written
8	document executed by the settlor to create a trust or by a person
9	to create a second trust that contains some or all of the terms of the
10	trust, including any amendments.
11	Sec. 33. (a) Except as provided in this chapter, an authorized
12	fiduciary may exercise the decanting power without the consent of
13	any person and without court approval.
14	(b) An authorized fiduciary shall act in accordance with its
15	fiduciary duties, including the duty to act in accordance with the
16	purposes of the first trust in exercising the decanting power.
17	(c) This chapter does not create or imply a duty to exercise the
18	decanting power or to inform beneficiaries about the applicability
19	of this chapter.
20	(d) Except as provided in a first-trust instrument, the terms of
21	the first trust are deemed to include the decanting power.
22	Sec. 34. A trustee or person that reasonably relies on:
23	(1) the validity of a distribution of the property of a trust to
24	another trust; or
25	(2) a modification of a trust under this chapter, law of this
26	state other than this article, or the law of another jurisdiction;
27	is not liable to any person for any action or failure to act as a result
28	of the reliance.
29	Sec. 35. (a) Except as provided in subsection (c), an authorized
30	fiduciary shall give notice in a record of the intended exercise of
31	the decanting power not later than sixty (60) days before the
32	exercise of the decanting power to:
33	(1) each settlor of the first trust, if living or then in existence;
34	(2) each qualified beneficiary of the first trust, including the
35	designated representative, if any, or other representative
36	under IC 30-4-6-10.5 of a qualified beneficiary who:
37	(A) is a minor or an incapacitated person;
38	(B) is unborn;
39	(C) is unknown; or
40	(D) cannot be located after a reasonably diligent search;
41	(3) each holder of a presently exercisable nower of



appointment in the first trust;

	(4) each person that currently has the right to remove or
2 3	replace the authorized fiduciary;
3	(5) each fiduciary of the first trust;
4	(6) each fiduciary of the second trust; and
5	(7) the attorney general, if section 44(c) of this chapter
6	applies.
7	(b) A notice period under subsection (a) begins on the day that
8	the notice is given and ends fifty-nine (59) days later.
9	(c) An authorized fiduciary is not required to give notice under
10	subsection (a) to a person that:
l 1	(1) is not known to the fiduciary;
12	(2) is known to the fiduciary but cannot be located by the
13	fiduciary after a reasonably diligent search; or
14	(3) has no representative under IC 30-4-6-10.5.
15	(d) The decanting power may be exercised before expiration of
16	the notice period under subsection (a) if all persons entitled to
17	receive notice waive the notice period in a signed record.
18	Sec. 36. A notice under section 35 of this chapter must:
19	(1) specify the manner in which the authorized fiduciary
20	intends to exercise the decanting power;
21	(2) specify the proposed effective date for the exercise of the
22	decanting power;
23	(3) include a copy of the first-trust instrument; and
23 24 25	(4) include a copy of the second-trust instrument.
	Sec. 37. (a) The receipt of notice, waiver of the notice period, or
26	expiration of the notice period does not affect the right of a person
27	to file a petition under section 39 of this chapter asserting that:
28	(1) an exercise of the decanting power:
29	(A) is ineffective because it did not comply with this
30	chapter;
31	(B) was an abuse of discretion; or
32	(C) was a breach of a fiduciary duty; or
33	(2) section 52 of this chapter applies to the exercise of the
34	decanting power.
35	(b) An exercise of the decanting power is not ineffective because
36	of the failure to give notice to one (1) or more persons under
37	section 35 of this chapter if the authorized fiduciary acted with
38	reasonable care to comply with section 35 of this chapter.
39	Sec. 38. (a) Notice to a person with authority to represent and
10	bind another person under a first-trust instrument or this article
11	has the same effect as notice given directly to the person



represented.

1	(b) Consent of or waiver by a person with authority to represent
2	and bind another person under a first-trust instrument or this
3	article is binding on the person represented unless the person
4	represented objects to the representation before the consent or
5	waiver otherwise would become effective.
6	(c) A person with authority to represent and bind another
7	person under a first-trust instrument or this article may file a
8	petition under section 39 of this chapter on behalf of the person
9	represented.
10	(d) A settlor may not represent or bind a beneficiary under this
11	chapter.
12	Sec. 39. (a) Upon a petition by an authorized fiduciary, a
13	beneficiary, or a person entitled to notice under section 35 of this
14	chapter or with respect to a charitable interest by the attorney
15	general or other person that has standing to enforce the charitable
16	interest, the court may:
17	(1) provide instructions to the authorized fiduciary about
18	whether a proposed exercise of the decanting power is
19	permitted under this chapter and consistent with the fiduciary
20	duties of the authorized fiduciary;
21	(2) appoint a special fiduciary and authorize the special
22	fiduciary to determine whether the exercise of the decanting
23	power is proper under this chapter and to exercise the
24	decanting power;
25	(3) approve an exercise of the decanting power;
26	(4) determine that a proposed or attempted exercise of the
27	decanting power is ineffective because:
28	(A) after applying section 52 of this chapter, the proposed
29	or attempted exercise does not comply with this chapter;
30	or
31	(B) the proposed or attempted exercise is an abuse of the
32	fiduciary's discretion or a breach of a fiduciary duty;
33	(5) determine the extent section 52 of this chapter applies to
34	a prior exercise of the decanting power;
35	(6) provide instructions to the trustee regarding the
36	application of section 52 of this chapter to a prior exercise of
37	the decanting power; or
38	(7) order relief to carry out the purposes of this chapter.
39	(b) Upon a petition by an authorized fiduciary, the court may
40	approve:
41	(1) an increase in the fiduciary's compensation under section
42	46 of this chapter; or



1	(2) a modification under section 48 of this chapter of a
2	provision granting a person the right to remove or replace the
3	fiduciary.
4	Sec. 40. An exercise of the decanting power must be made in a
5	record signed by an authorized fiduciary. The signed record must:
6	(1) directly or indirectly reference the notice required by
7	section 35 of this chapter;
8	(2) identify the first trust and the second trust;
9	(3) identify and state the property of the first trust being
10	distributed to each second trust; and
11	(4) identify the property that remains in the first trust.
12	Sec. 41. (a) As used in this section, "noncontingent right" means
13	a right that is not subject to the:
14	(1) exercise of discretion; or
15	(2) occurrence of a specified event that is not certain to occur.
16	The term does not include a right held by a beneficiary if any
17	person has discretion to distribute property subject to the right of
18	any person other than the beneficiary or the beneficiary's estate.
19	(b) As used in this section, "presumptive remainder
20	beneficiary" means a qualified beneficiary other than a current
21	beneficiary.
22	(c) As used in this section, "successor beneficiary" means a
23	beneficiary that is not a qualified beneficiary on the date the
24	beneficiary's qualification is determined. The term does not include
25	a person that is a beneficiary only because the person holds a
26	nongeneral power of appointment.
27	(d) As used in this section, "vested interest" means a:
28	(1) right to a mandatory distribution that is a noncontingent
29	right as of the date of the exercise of the decanting power;
30	(2) current and noncontingent right, annually or more
31	frequently, to a mandatory distribution of income, a specified
32	dollar amount, or a percentage of value of some or all of the
33	trust property;
34	(3) current and noncontingent right, annually or more
35	frequently, to withdraw income, a specified dollar amount, or
36	a percentage of value of some or all of the trust property;
37	(4) presently exercisable general power of appointment; or
38	(5) right to receive an ascertainable part of the trust property
39	on the trust's termination that is not subject to the exercise of
40	discretion or to the occurrence of a specified event that is not
41	certain to occur.

(e) Subject to subsection (f) and section 44 of this chapter, an



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1	authorized fiduciary that has expanded distributive discretion over
2	the principal of a first trust for the benefit of one (1) or more
3	current beneficiaries may exercise the decanting power over the
4	principal of the first trust.
5	(f) Subject to section 43 of this chapter, an exercise of the
6	decanting power under this section must not:
7	(1) except as provided in subsection (g), include as a current
8	beneficiary a person that is not a current beneficiary of the
9	first trust;
10	(2) except as provided in subsection (g), include as a
11	presumptive remainder beneficiary or successor beneficiary
12	a person that is not a current beneficiary, presumptive

(3) reduce or eliminate a vested interest.

trust; or

- (g) Subject to subsection (f)(3) and section 44 of this chapter, in an exercise of the decanting power under this subsection, a second trust may be a trust created or administered under the law of any jurisdiction and may:
  - (1) retain a power of appointment granted in the first trust;

remainder beneficiary, or successor beneficiary of the first

- (2) omit a power of appointment granted in the first trust, other than a presently exercisable general power of appointment;
- (3) create or modify a power of appointment if the powerholder is a current beneficiary of the first trust and the authorized fiduciary has expanded distributive discretion to distribute principal to the beneficiary; and
- (4) create or modify a power of appointment if the powerholder is a presumptive remainder beneficiary or successor beneficiary of the first trust, but the exercise of the power may take effect only after the powerholder becomes, or would have become a current beneficiary.
- (h) A power of appointment described in subsections (g)(1) through (g)(4) may be general or nongeneral. The class of permissible appointees in favor of which the power may be exercised may be broader than or different from the beneficiaries of the first trust.
- (i) If an authorized fiduciary has expanded distributive discretion over part of the principal of a first trust, the fiduciary may exercise the decanting power under this section over the principal that the authorized fiduciary has expanded distributive discretion.



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- 13 Sec. 42. (a) As used in this section, "limited distributive 1 2 discretion" means a discretionary power of distribution that is 3 limited to an ascertainable standard or a reasonably definite 4 standard. 5 (b) An authorized fiduciary that has limited distributive 6 discretion over the principal of the first trust for the benefit of one 7 (1) or more current beneficiaries may exercise the decanting power 8 over the principal of the first trust. 9 (c) Under this section and subject to section 44 of this chapter, 10 a second trust may be created or administered under the law of 11
  - any jurisdiction. A second trust must grant each beneficiary of the first trust beneficial interests that are substantially similar to the beneficial interests of the beneficiary in the first trust.
  - (d) A power to make a distribution under a second trust for the benefit of a beneficiary who is an individual is substantially similar to a power under the first trust to make a distribution directly to the beneficiary. A distribution is for the benefit of a beneficiary if:
    - (1) the distribution is applied for the benefit of the beneficiary;
    - (2) the beneficiary is under a legal disability or the trustee reasonably believes the beneficiary is incapacitated and the distribution is made as permitted under this article; or
    - (3) the distribution is made as permitted under the terms of the first-trust instrument and the second-trust instrument for the benefit of the beneficiary.
  - (e) If an authorized fiduciary has limited distributive discretion of the principal of a first trust, the fiduciary may only exercise the decanting power under this section over the principal that the authorized fiduciary has limited distributive discretion.
  - Sec. 43. (a) This section applies to any trust that has a beneficiary with a disability, without limitation, whenever a special-needs fiduciary for the trust determines that the beneficiary with a disability may qualify for governmental benefits based on a disability, whether the beneficiary currently receives those benefits or has been adjudicated to be an incapacitated person under
  - (b) As used in this section, "governmental benefits" means financial aid or services from a state, federal, or other public
    - (c) As used in this section, "special-needs fiduciary" means:
      - (1) a trustee or other fiduciary, other than a settlor, that has discretion to distribute part or all of the principal of a first



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1	trust to one or more current beneficiaries;
2	(2) if no trustee or fiduciary has discretion under subdivision
3	(1), a trustee or other fiduciary, other than a settlor, that has
4	discretion to distribute part or all of the income of the first
5	trust to one (1) or more current beneficiaries; or
6	(3) if no trustee or fiduciary has discretion under subdivisions
7	(1) and (2), a trustee or other fiduciary, other than a settlor,
8	that is required to distribute part or all of the income or
9	principal of the first trust to one (1) or more current
10	beneficiaries;
11	with respect to a trust that has a beneficiary with a disability.
12	(d) As used in this section, "special-needs trust" means a trust
13	that the trustee reasonably believes would not be considered a
14	resource for purposes of determining whether a beneficiary with
15	a disability is eligible for governmental benefits.
16	(e) A special-needs fiduciary may exercise the decanting power
17	under section 41 of this chapter over the principal of a first trust
18	as if the fiduciary had authority to distribute principal to a
19	beneficiary with a disability subject to expanded distributive
20	discretion if:
21	(1) a second trust is a special-needs trust or other trust that
22	benefits the beneficiary with a disability; and
23	(2) the special-needs fiduciary determines that an exercise of
24	the decanting power will further the purposes of the first
25	trust.
26	(f) In an exercise of the decanting power under this section, the
27	following rules apply:
28	(1) Except as provided in section 41(f)(2) of this chapter, the
29	interest in the second trust of a beneficiary with a disability
30	may:
31	(A) be a pooled trust as defined by Medicaid law for the
32	benefit of the beneficiary with a disability under 42 U.S.C.
33	1396p(d)(4)(C), as amended and in effect on July 1, 2022;
34	or
35	(B) contain payback provisions complying with
36	reimbursement requirements of Medicaid law under 42
37	U.S.C. 1396p(d)(4)(A), as amended and in effect on July 1,
38	2022.
39	(2) Section 41(f)(3) of this chapter does not apply to the
40	interests of the beneficiary with a disability.
41	(3) Except as affected by a change to the interests of the
42	beneficiary with a disability, the second trust, or if there are



1	two (2) or more second trusts, the second trusts in the
2	aggregate, must grant each other beneficiary of the first trust
3	beneficial interests in the second trusts which are
4	substantially similar to the beneficiary's beneficial interests in
5	the first trust.
6	Sec. 44. (a) As used in this section, "determinable charitable
7	interest" means a charitable interest that is a right to a mandatory
8	distribution currently, periodically, on the occurrence of a
9	specified event, or after the passage of a specified time and that is
10	unconditional or will be held solely for charitable purposes.
11	(b) As used in this section, "unconditional" means not subject
12	to the occurrence of a specified event that is not certain to occur,
13	other than a requirement in a trust instrument that a charitable
14	organization be in existence or qualify under a particular provision
15	of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended
16	and in effect on July 1, 2022, on the date of the distribution, if the
17	charitable organization meets the requirement on the date of
18	determination.
19	(c) If a first trust contains a determinable charitable interest,
20	the attorney general has the rights of a qualified beneficiary and
21	may represent and bind the charitable interest.
22	(d) If a first trust contains a charitable interest, the second trust
23	must not:
24	(1) diminish the charitable interest;
25	(2) diminish the interest of an identified charitable
26	organization that holds the charitable interest;
27	(3) alter any charitable purpose stated in the first-trust
28	instrument; or
29	(4) alter any condition or restriction related to the charitable
30	interest.
31	(e) If there are two (2) or more second trusts, the second trusts
32	shall be treated as one (1) trust for purposes of determining
33	whether the exercise of the decanting power diminishes the
34	charitable interest or diminishes the interest of an identified
35	charitable organization for purposes of subsection (d).
36	(f) If a first trust contains a determinable charitable interest, the
37	second trust that includes a charitable interest pursuant to
38	subsection (c) must be administered under the law of this state
39	unless:
40	(1) the attorney general, after receiving notice under section

35 of this chapter, fails to object in a signed record delivered

to the authorized fiduciary within the notice period;



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1	(2) the attorney general consents in a signed record to the
2	second trust being administered under the law of another
3	jurisdiction; or
4	(3) the court approves the exercise of the decanting power.
5	(g) This chapter does not limit the powers and duties of the
6	attorney general under the laws of this state other than this
7	chapter.
8	Sec. 45. (a) An authorized fiduciary may not exercise the
9	decanting power to the extent the first-trust instrument expressly
10	prohibits exercise of:
11	(1) the decanting power; or
12	(2) a power granted by state law to the fiduciary to distribute
13	part or all of the principal of the trust to another trust or to
14	modify the trust.
15	(b) Exercise of the decanting power is subject to a restriction in
16	the first-trust instrument that expressly applies to exercise of:
17	(1) the decanting power; or
18	(2) a power granted by state law to a fiduciary to distribute
19	the principal of the trust to another trust or to modify the
20	trust.
21	(c) The decanting power of an authorized fiduciary is not
22	precluded by:
23	(1) a general prohibition of the amendment or revocation of
24	a first trust;
25	(2) a spendthrift clause; or
26	(3) a clause restraining the voluntary or involuntary transfer
27	of a beneficiary's interest.
28	(d) Subject to subsections (a) and (b), an authorized fiduciary
29	may exercise the decanting power under this chapter even if the
30	first-trust instrument permits the authorized fiduciary or another
31	person to modify the first-trust instrument or to distribute the
32	principal of the first trust to another trust.
33	(e) If a first-trust instrument contains an express prohibition
34	described in subsection (a) or an express restriction described in
35	subsection (b), the provision must be included in the second-trust
36	instrument.
37	Sec. 46. (a) If a first-trust instrument specifies an authorized
38	fiduciary's compensation, the fiduciary may not exercise the
39	decanting power to increase the fiduciary's compensation above
40	the specified compensation unless:
41	(1) all qualified beneficiaries of the second trust consent to the



increase in a signed record; or

1	(2) the increase is approved by the court.
2	(b) If a first-trust instrument does not specify an authorized
3	fiduciary's compensation, the fiduciary may not exercise the
4	decanting power to increase the fiduciary's compensation above
5	the compensation permitted by this article unless:
6	(1) all qualified beneficiaries of the second trust consent to the
7	increase in a signed record; or
8	(2) the increase is approved by the court.
9	(c) A change in an authorized fiduciary's compensation that is
10	incidental to other changes made by the exercise of the decanting
11	power is not an increase in the fiduciary's compensation for
12	purposes of subsections (a) and (b).
13	Sec. 47. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a
14	second-trust instrument must not relieve an authorized fiduciary
15	from liability for breach of trust to a greater extent than the
16	first-trust instrument.
17	(b) A second trust instrument may provide for indemnification
18	of an authorized fiduciary of the first trust or another person
19	acting in a fiduciary capacity under the first trust for any liability
20	or claim that would have been payable from the first trust if the
21	decanting power had not been exercised.
22	(c) A second-trust instrument must not reduce fiduciary liability
23	in the aggregate.
24	(d) Subject to subsection (c), a second-trust instrument may
25	divide and reallocate fiduciary powers among fiduciaries, including
26	one (1) or more trustees, distribution advisors, investment
27	advisors, trust protectors, or other persons, and relieve a fiduciary
28	from liability for an act or failure to act of another fiduciary as
29	permitted by the laws of this state other than this chapter.
30	Sec. 48. An authorized fiduciary must not exercise the decanting
31	power to modify a provision in a first-trust instrument granting
32	another person power to remove or replace the fiduciary unless:
33	(1) the person holding the power consents to the modification
34	in a signed record and the modification applies only to the
35	person;
36	(2) the person holding the power and the qualified
37	beneficiaries of the second trust consent to the modification in
38	a signed record and the modification grants a substantially
39	similar power to another person; or
40	(3) the court approves the modification and the modification

grants a substantially similar power to another person. Sec. 49. (a) As used in this section, "grantor trust" means a trust



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- as to which a settlor of a first trust is considered the owner under 26 U.S.C. 671 through 677, as amended and in effect on July 1, 2022, or 26 U.S.C. 679, as amended and in effect on July 1, 2022.
- (b) As used in this section, "Internal Revenue Code" means the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and in effect on July 1, 2022.
- (c) As used in this section "nongrantor trust" means a trust that is not a grantor trust.
- (d) As used in this section, "qualified benefits property" means property subject to the minimum distribution requirements of 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(9), as amended and in effect on July 1, 2022, and any applicable regulations, or to any similar requirements that refer to 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(9) or the regulations.
- (e) An exercise of the decanting power is subject to the following limitations:
  - (1) If a first trust contains property that qualified, or would have qualified but for provisions of this chapter other than this section, for a marital deduction for purposes of the gift or estate tax under the Internal Revenue Code or a state gift, estate, or inheritance tax, the second-trust instrument must not include or omit any term that, if included in or omitted from the trust instrument for the trust to which the property was transferred, would have prevented the transfer from qualifying for the deduction, or would have reduced the amount of the deduction, under the same provisions of the Internal Revenue Code or state law under which the transfer qualified.
  - (2) If the first trust contains property that qualified, or would have qualified but for provisions of this chapter other than this section, for a charitable deduction for purposes of the income, gift, or estate tax under the Internal Revenue Code or a state income, gift, estate, or inheritance tax, the second-trust instrument must not include or omit any term that, if included in or omitted from the trust instrument for the trust to which the property was transferred, would have prevented the transfer from qualifying for the deduction, or would have reduced the amount of the deduction, under the same provisions of the Internal Revenue Code or state law under which the transfer qualified.
  - (3) If the first trust contains property that qualified, or would have qualified but for provisions of this chapter other than this section, for the exclusion from the gift tax described in 26



U.S.C. 2503(b), as amended and in effect on July 1, 2022, the second-trust instrument must not include or omit a term that, if included in or omitted from the trust instrument for the trust to which the property was transferred, would have prevented the transfer from qualifying under 26 U.S.C. 2503(b), as amended and in effect on July 1, 2022. If the first trust contains property that qualified, or would have qualified but for provisions of this chapter other than this section, for the exclusion from the gift tax described in 26 U.S.C. 2503(b), as amended and in effect on July 1, 2022, by application of 26 U.S.C. 2503(c), as amended and in effect on July 1, 2022, the second-trust instrument must not include or omit a term that, if included in or omitted from the trust instrument for the trust to which the property was transferred, would have prevented the transfer from qualifying under 26 U.S.C. 2503(c), as amended and in effect on July 1, 2022.

(4) If the property of the first trust includes shares of stock in an S corporation, as defined in 26 U.S.C. 1361, as amended and in effect on July 1, 2022, and the first trust is, or but for provisions of this chapter other than this section would be, a permitted shareholder under any provision of 26 U.S.C. 1361, as amended and in effect on July 1, 2022, an authorized fiduciary may exercise the power with respect to part or all of the S corporation stock only if any second trust receiving the stock is a permitted shareholder under 26 U.S.C. 1361(c)(2), as amended and in effect on July 1, 2022. If the property of the first trust includes shares of stock in an S corporation and the first trust is or, but for provisions of this chapter other than this section, would be a qualified subchapter S trust within the meaning of 26 U.S.C. 1361(d), as amended and in effect on July 1, 2022, the second-trust instrument must not include or omit a term that prevents the second trust from qualifying as a qualified subchapter S trust.

(5) If the first trust contains property that qualified, or would have qualified but for provisions of this chapter other than this section, for a zero (0) inclusion ratio for purposes of the generation skipping transfer tax under 26 U.S.C. 2642(c), as amended and in effect on July 1, 2022, the second-trust instrument must not include or omit a term that, if included in or omitted from the first-trust instrument, would have prevented the transfer to the first trust from qualifying for a zero (0) inclusion ratio under 26 U.S.C. 2642(c), as amended



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1	and in effect on July 1, 2022.
2	(6) If the first trust is directly or indirectly the beneficiary of
3	qualified benefits property, the second-trust instrument may
4	not include or omit any term that, if included in or omitted
5	from the first-trust instrument, would have increased the
6	minimum distributions required with respect to the qualified
7	benefits property under 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(9), as amended and
8	in effect on July 1, 2022, and any applicable regulations, or
9	any similar requirements that refer to 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(9), as
10	amended and in effect on July 1, 2022, or the regulations. It
11	an attempted exercise of the decanting power violates this
12	subdivision, the trustee is deemed to have held the qualified
13	benefits property and any reinvested distributions of the
14	property as a separate share from the date of the exercise of
15	the power and section 52 of this chapter applies to the
16	separate share.
17	(7) If the first trust qualifies as a grantor trust because of the
18	application of 26 U.S.C. 672(f)(2)(A), as amended and in effect
19	on July 1, 2022, the second trust may not include or omit a
20	term that, if included in or omitted from the first-trus
21	instrument, would have prevented the first trust from
22	qualifying under 26 U.S.C. 672(f)(2)(A), as amended and in
23	effect on July 1, 2022.
24	(8) As used in this subdivision, "tax benefit" means a federa
25	or state tax deduction, exemption, exclusion, or other benefit
26	not otherwise listed in this section, except for a benefit arising
27	from being a grantor trust. Subject to subdivision (9), a
28	second-trust instrument may not include or omit a term that
29	if included in or omitted from the first-trust instrument
30	would have prevented qualification for a tax benefit if:
31	(A) the first-trust instrument expressly indicates an inten-
32	to qualify for the benefit or the first-trust instrument is
33	clearly designed to enable the first trust to qualify for the
34	benefit; and
35	(B) the transfer of property held by the first trust or the
36	first trust qualified or, but for provisions of this chapter
37	other than this section, would have qualified for the tax
38	benefit.
39	(9) Subject to subdivision (4):
10	(A) except as provided in subdivision (7), the second trus
11	may be a nongrantor trust even if the first trust is a



grantor trust; and

1	(B) except as otherwise provided in subdivision (10), the
2	second trust may be a grantor trust, even if the first trust
3	is a nongrantor trust.
4	(10) An authorized fiduciary may not exercise the decanting
5	power if a settlor objects in a signed record delivered to the
6	fiduciary within the notice period and:
7	(A) the first trust and a second trust are both grantor
8	trusts, in whole or in part, the first trust grants the settlor
9	or another person the power to cause the first trust to
10	cease to be a grantor trust, and the second trust does not
11	grant an equivalent power to the settlor or other person;
12	or
13	(B) the first trust is a nongrantor trust and a second trust
14	is a grantor trust, in whole or in part, with respect to the
15	settlor, unless:
16	(i) the settlor has the power at all times to cause the
17	second trust to cease to be a grantor trust; or
18	(ii) the first-trust instrument contains a provision
19	granting the settlor or another person a power that
20	would cause the first trust to cease to be a grantor trust
21	and the second-trust instrument contains the same
22	provision.
23	Sec. 50. (a) Subject to subsection (b), a second trust may have a
24	duration that is the same as or different from the duration of the
25	first trust.
26	(b) To the extent that property of a second trust is attributable
27	to property of the first trust, the property of the second trust is
28	subject to any rules governing maximum perpetuity, accumulation,
29	or suspension of the power of alienation that apply to property of
30	the first trust.
31	Sec. 51. An authorized fiduciary may exercise the decanting
32	power whether under the first trust's discretionary distribution
33	standard the fiduciary would have made or could have been
34	compelled to make a discretionary distribution of principal at the
35	time of the exercise.
36	Sec. 52. (a) If exercise of the decanting power would be effective
37	under this chapter except that the second-trust instrument in part
38	does not comply with this chapter, the exercise of the power is
39	effective and the following rules apply with respect to the principal
40	of the second trust attributable to the exercise of the power:
41	(1) A provision in the second-trust instrument that is not

permitted under this chapter is void to the extent necessary to



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1	comply with this chapter.
2	(2) A provision required by this chapter to be in the
3	second-trust instrument that is not contained in the
4	instrument is deemed to be included in the instrument to the
5	extent necessary to comply with this chapter.
6	(b) If a trustee or other fiduciary of a second trust determines
7	that subsection (a) applies to a prior exercise of the decanting
8	power, the fiduciary shall take corrective action consistent with the
9	fiduciary's duties.
10	Sec. 53. (a) As used in this section, "animal trust" means a trust
11	or an interest in a trust created to provide for the care of one (1) or
12	more animals.
13	(b) As used in this section, "protector" means a person
14	appointed in an animal trust to enforce the trust on behalf of the
15	animal or, if no such person is appointed in the trust, a person
16	appointed by the court for that purpose.
17	(c) The decanting power may be exercised over an animal trust
18	that has a protector to the extent the trust could be decanted under
19	this chapter if each animal that benefits from the trust were an
20	individual, if the protector consents in a signed record to the
21	exercise of the power.
22	(d) A protector for an animal has the rights under this chapter
23	of a qualified beneficiary.
24	(e) If a first trust is an animal trust, in an exercise of the
25	decanting power, the second trust must provide that trust property
26	may be applied only to its intended purpose for the period the first
27	trust benefitted the animal.
28	Sec. 54. A reference in this article to a trust instrument or terms
29	of the trust includes a second-trust instrument and the terms of the
30	second trust.
31	Sec. 55. (a) For purposes of law of this state other than this
32	chapter and subject to subsection (b), a settlor of a first trust is
33	deemed to be the settlor of the second trust with respect to the
34	portion of the principal of the first trust subject to the exercise of
35	the decanting power.
36	(b) In determining settlor intent with respect to a second trust,
37	a settlor of the first trust, a settlor of the second trust, and the
38	authorized fiduciary may be considered.
39	Sec. 56. (a) Except as provided in subsection (c), if exercise of
40	the decanting power was intended to distribute all of the principal
41	of the first trust to one (1) or more second trusts, later discovered

property belonging to the first trust and property paid to or



acquired by the first trust after the exercise of the power is part of the trust estate of the second trust.

- (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), if exercise of the decanting power was intended to distribute less than all of the principal of the first trust to one (1) or more second trusts, later discovered property belonging to the first trust or property paid to or acquired by the first trust after exercise of the power remains part of the trust estate of the first trust.
- (c) An authorized fiduciary may provide in an exercise of the decanting power or by the terms of a second trust for disposition of later discovered property belonging to the first trust or property paid to or acquired by the first trust after exercise of the power.
- Sec. 57. A debt, liability, or other obligation enforceable against property of a first trust is enforceable to the same extent against the property when held by the second trust after exercise of the decanting power.
- Sec. 58. In applying and construing this uniform act, consideration must be given to the need to promote uniformity of the law with respect to its subject matter among states that enact it.
- Sec. 59. This chapter modifies, limits, or supersedes the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, 15 U.S.C. 7001 as amended and in effect on July 1, 2022, but does not modify, limit, or supersede Section 101(c) of that act, 15 U.S.C. 7001(c) as amended and in effect on July 1, 2022, or authorize electronic delivery of any of the notices described in Section 103(b) of that act, 15 U.S.C. 7003(b) as amended and in effect on July 1, 2022.
- Sec. 60. If any provision of this chapter or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this chapter that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this chapter are severable.
- SECTION 4. IC 34-30-2-132.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: **Sec. 132.7. IC 30-4-10-34 (Concerning a trustee who reasonably relies on a distribution or modification of a trust that transfers property to a second trust and does not act).**



#### COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred House Bill 1205, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1205 as introduced.)

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Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0

#### COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred House Bill No. 1205, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 8, line 27, delete "in an action for" and insert "to any person for any action or".

Page 10, line 11, after "by" insert "an authorized fiduciary, a beneficiary, or".

Page 16, delete lines 19 through 24, begin a new paragraph and insert:

- "(c) The decanting power of an authorized fiduciary is not precluded by:
  - (1) a general prohibition of the amendment or revocation of a first trust;
  - (2) a spendthrift clause; or
  - (3) a clause restraining the voluntary or involuntary transfer of a beneficiary's interest.".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1205 as printed January 13, 2022.)

BROWN L, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0.

